Secretary to the Council : The Title of the Bill is the Cochin Cattle Diseases Prevention Act (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: I move that S. O. 32 may be suspended.

Mr. President : S. O. 32 is suspended.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: I move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Constitutional Adviser*) I second it.

Motion put and carried.
Clause 2 put and carried.
Clause 1 put and carried.
Title and preamble put and carried.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: I move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed at the next meeting of the Legislative Session.

Mr. P. Raman Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I second it.

Motion put and carried

(7) The Cochin Motor Vehicles Act (Amendment) Bill—(Not moved)

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Prime Minister)*: I am not moving the Cochin Motor Vehicles Act (Amendment) Bill because that has been dropped.

(8) The Cochin Revenue Recovery Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Revenue)*: I am not moving the Cochin Revenue Recovery Act (Amendment) Bill.

(9) The Cochin Antiquities Export Control Bill

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Revenue)*: I move that the Cochin Antiquities Export Control Bill be read in Council.

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Prime Minister)*: I second it.

***Mr. Parambi Lonappen** *(Minister for Revenue)*: The Indian Dominion has recently introduced legislation to prevent the export of valuable bodies of antiquarian interest, and has requested this Government also to co-operate with a view to see that such valuable bodies are not depleted. The bill accordingly provides that the antiquities are not to be exported without Government sanction.

Clause 1 as usual Short title and extent. Clause 2 defines 'antiquity' and the 'export'. Clause 3 prohibits export of any antiquity except under license issued by Government. Clause 4 relates to the provisions of the Sea Customs Act in respect of antiquities exported whose export is prohibited by this Act. Clause 5 provides for the penalties and procedure. Clause 6 provides that questions whether an article exported is an antiquity for the purpose of this Act is to be referred to the Government Archaeologist whose decision is to be final. Clause 7 empowers Government to make rules. Clause 8 protects action taken under this Act. Clause 9 provides that this Act is an addition to the provision of the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act.

***Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Ernakulam)*: From the Statement of Objects and Reasons of this Bill I have not been able to understand the necessity for enacting a law like this. I may be wrong and after hearing some elucidation from Government I may change my view. The statement of objects and reasons is to this effect. 'The Indian Dominion has recently introduced a measure with a view to prevent the free flow out of the country of valu ble objects of antiquarian or historical interest'. That is a statement of facts that under certain legislation of the Government of India export of articles of antiquarian interest from out of India is prohibited. That is to say you cannot export any such article from India say to England, to France or to Africa. After that statement of fact the connecting link between that sentence and the next sentence is missing. The next sentence is 'It is considered necessary to enact a similar measure in this State also.' I do not understand whether this legislation is one of those categories of legislation which this Government has in an informal way agreed with the Government of India to enact here. If that is so, the provisions of the Bill ought to have been different. Now if the Government of India have enacted a legislation prohibiting the export

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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